

AGN. NO. _____

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AMENDMENT TO AGENDA ITEM #35 – TARZANA TREATMENT CENTER

A recent media report brought to light issues related to the compensation levels of the executive at Tarzana Treatment Center, which is a major recipient of County grant funds. Tarzana Treatment Center receives funding for an array of County programs through Public Health's Alcohol and Drug, Health Services' Public-Private Partnership and Mental Health Services.

According to the article, the leadership of Tarzana Treatment Center has developed compensation practices and arrangements that greatly benefited its executives and board members. The article states that in addition, these arrangements also included rental payments involving a number of the Tarzana Treatment Center properties that its leaders own and lease to the organization, and that the Chief Executive Officer received compensation in legal fees above and beyond his salary.

While Department of Public Health provided the Board with an overview of the actions it is taking to ensure the resources allocated under its agreements are being used appropriately, and while the Tarzana Treatment Center management has asserted they are operating in accordance with the federal requirements, the Board needs to ensure that the public monies being spent under these programs are spent appropriately.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to work with the Auditor-Controller, County Counsel, and all the affected departments to identify and review all of the County's contracts with Tarzana Treatment Center to determine:
 - a. the appropriateness of the expenditures and charges made under these contracts and report back to the Board in 60 days, with an interim status report in two weeks.
 - b. Tarzana Treatment Center's compliance with all relevant County rules, ordinances, and regulations, and take appropriate action in all instances in which it is determined that Tarzana Treatment Center has in fact not complied.
2. Approve item #35 as recommended, with the exception of the contracts with Tarzana Treatment Center; and
3. Amend the contracts with Tarzana Treatment Center to modify the term of each contract so that the contracts are effective for 90 days, pending the outcome of the Chief Executive Officer's review.

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